

# SISTER NAMED BOOTLEGGER DRAWS SIX MONTHS WHILE STOOL PIGEON IS JAILED

Application of Friend of Mr. and Mrs. Nickels Made at Request of Relatives Denied by Lyman

Denying the application of Selim J. Nicholson to be appointed administrator of the estates of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Nickels, Judge Lyman yesterday granted the application of Miss Maude M. Tanton, the guardian of the two small children whose parents died from carbon monoxide poisoning. Miss Tanton, who is a sister of Mrs. Nickels, who was found dead in her bed Christmas morning, will continue her residence here where she will make a home for her tiny niece and nephew, the heirs of the large estate left by their parents. The mother left an estate of approximately \$20,000, while the father's exceeded her's by some \$20,000. In addition to this, the little orphans will inherit their mother's interest in property in Illinois and Kansas, said to be worth something more than \$100,000.

Miss Tanton's bonds were placed in the sum of \$100,000 and \$50,000, both of which were filed at the conclusion of the hearing.

After cross examining Mr. Nicholson, in open court just before the session commenced, it is understood that she had requested Mr. Nicholson to withdraw his application earlier in the day, but that upon his refusal, she had presented her own. Mr. Nicholson testified that he had received a request from Mr. Nickels' sister, asking him to serve as administrator.

He spoke of his friendship of years' standing with the Nickels and mentioned in connection with this that not only the sister, but a cousin here shortly after the Christmas tragedy, had asked him to act in the matter.

After cross examining Mr. Nicholson relative to his qualifications, Judge Armstrong placed Miss Tanton on the stand. The witness testified as to her residence, the relation she bore the deceased and the value of the estates. An attempt was made by F. C. Strickmeyer, counsel for Nicholson, to show she was not a resident and not qualified to serve.

Judge Lyman, in his refusal, said, "Miss Tanton, stated that Mr. Nicholson had abundant reason to file the application which had been given consideration."

## BAKER APPROVES GOOD ROAD PLAN

Secretary of War Newton D. Baker yesterday morning formally wired to the chairman of the Arizona State Council of Defense, Dwight B. Heard, his approval of the proposed good roads bond issue for Maricopa county. Before doing this he had received and gone over complete data as to the proposed good roads system which will do so much to aid in raising and marketing maximum crops in this most fertile valley.

The approval of Secretary Baker indicates that there is no ground for any fear that the construction of good roads here at this time will hinder the war department in its all-important work.

## WOODMEN OF WORLD DEPUTY IN PHOENIX

John E. Swanger, state deputy head council of the Modern Woodmen of America, for Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Nevada, accompanied by his wife, came to Phoenix Saturday to take up the work of personally directing a campaign for membership in Phoenix and other points in the state during the next few months. State Deputy Swanger has been engaged in similar work in Utah for the past five months and expects to remain in Arizona until the drive for new Woodmen recruits shall reach a satisfactory stage. Phoenix camp No. 11,462 will hold a reception in his honor at its regular meeting Wednesday evening at K. of P. hall at which every Modern Woodman in the city and adjoining camps are expected to be present and assist in making the state deputy's welcome to Arizona's capital a real Arizona welcome. At the meeting of the camp Wednesday night State Deputy Swanger will address the neighbors and outline the plans of campaign to be immediately started in Phoenix and Maricopa county.

State Deputy Swanger comes from Sedalia, Mo., where he is editor of the Sedalia Capital a daily and weekly newspaper. He was formerly secretary

E. L. Lantron Knows County Means Business When He is Sentenced to Serve Half Year in County Jail

E. L. Lantron was sentenced to six months in the county jail at hard labor and a fine of \$500 or one day for each \$2, by Judge Stanford yesterday, before whom Lantron entered a plea of guilty of violating the liquor law. Lantron is alleged to have operated on an extensive wholesale scale and a list of his alleged dealings were presented to the court by Constable Roy Morrell, the arresting officer. Constable Morrell said that the list had been furnished him by the Lightning Delivery. He had been informed, he said, that nine cases of liquor had been shipped in to Lantron under various names and had been called for at the express office by the delivery company and delivered made to the Stacy Rooming house, the Dorris rooming house, the Phoenix Candy Kitchen, and at addresses on North First and North Second streets.

Lantron, Morrell believes to be one of the leaders in the bootlegging gang which he is endeavoring to break up. He recently arrested Nick Annis, who was given a 60-day jail sentence and fine by Judge Stanford Saturday. H. H. Cruise and Frank "Slim" Cassabania have also been arrested within the past few days by Morrell, who alleges that they have violated the prohibition amendment.

## VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ENJOY ANNUAL SESSION

Decision to continue its existence as a separate and individual organization and to turn the annual ball at Patrick's hall into a mammoth benefit for the sailormen on the battleship Arizona, comprised the principal business last night. The business session was followed by an oyster supper at Donofrio's, where a number of enthusiastic talks were made by members.

Though desiring to aid and appreciating the co-operative spirit evinced by the paid fire department, for the sake of old times, and the spirit of the organization which came into being to resist the ravages of the most troublesome of the elements, it was decided that the body should continue under the present name. A resolution to this effect was adopted, and a committee including Claude Cistey, R. E. Marks and Vernon Clark, was named to alter the bylaws to correspond with this intention.

The resolution states that the membership shall consist of those whose names were on the roster prior to June 16, 1915, and that funds of the organization, which the treasurer's report showed to be \$1,122.93, shall be used in whatever manner the members see fit, and to continue the life of the association.

The annual ball will be given at Patrick's hall February 27, the usual date. The entire proceeds will be turned over to the patriotic women of Arizona, who will knit it into sweaters for the boys on the battleship Arizona. Information has been received by the volunteer firemen that these sailors have no sweaters.

John R. Norton, one of the oldest members of the association, was named chairman of the committee to have charge of the dance. He will be assisted by Jeff Duncan, J. M. Melendez, Shirley Bolderson, Frank Wood and John Rau.

City Manager Avery Thompson, who was present at the meeting and at the oyster supper, declared he would render every assistance he could in making the ball a success. A number of talks were also made by other members.

At the business meeting it was decided that the same officers should continue to head the organization until such time as changes are effected by alteration of the bylaws. The present officers are Claude Cistey, president; Lamar Walker, secretary and James H. Kinney, treasurer.

\*Of state and bank commissioner of Missouri from 1904 to 1913 and comes to the great southwest to work for the Modern Woodmen of America because he believes that the people of this big, wide west want and should have the beneficiary society as a protection to their homes and families. He is a fraternalist and hopes to meet the people of Phoenix and tell them of the benefits of the society with its provision for the Woodman soldier boy, having put aside over \$4,000,000 annually as a patriotic fund to pay the policy in full of every Modern Woodman soldier who falls fighting for the flag.

Stool Pigeon Charged With Using Money Given Him To Secure Evidence for Own Use Under Arrest

Out of a fund of \$150 which he was to use in his capacity of stool pigeon, Steve Wilson, better known as "Dutch," proceeded to pay his own personal debts until the officers became suspicious and arrested him on the charge of vagrancy.

"Dutch" was given marked currency and had paid a lodging bill of \$10, it is alleged, when taken into custody, and the remainder of the original amount recovered.

That the marked money was from a private fund and not from one authorized by the county, was the statement of Constable Roy Morrell last evening who denied the story in the evening paper that he had been empowered by the board of supervisors to use marked currency in apprehending bootleggers.

"I was informed by telephone that 'Dutch' Wilson was to deliver two cases of whiskey in the alley back of Baum's pool hall. The liquor was to be sold at \$5 a case and 'Dutch' was to make the delivery," said Morrell. The money was furnished by a private party and not by the county, as stated in the Gazette.

"It is not particularly pleasing to the officers to have to use stool pigeons, but in view of the fact that we have been successful to a certain degree of cleaning the town of bootleggers, the way should not be too severely criticized."

Constable Morrell, with the co-operation of Officer Strath, has made some half dozen arrests in the past week. Since the violators of the liquor law are always keenly on the lookout for the officers, it is almost impossible for the authorities to make an arrest unless they are "use" of stool pigeons or detectives," says Morrell.

## FOUR MINUTE MEN TO TALK STAMPS

For the week, January 14 to January 19, the following "four-minute men" have been named to make speeches at local theaters to stimulate interest in war savings stamps in the past week.

Amuse, 8:15, Tuesday, Pedro de la Loma; Thursday, Frank M. Gordon; Coliseum, 7:45, Tuesday, Frank M. Gordon; Thursday, Sam W. Proctor; Columbia, 7:45, Tuesday, T. W. Nealon; Thursday, Jesse Boyce; Elks, 9:00, Tuesday, J. H. Langston; Thursday, B. E. Marks; Empress, 7:15, Tuesday, Jesse Boyce; Thursday, A. Henderson; Stockton, 8:15, Tuesday, A. Henderson; Thursday, T. A. Flynn; Lamara, 7:45, Tuesday, T. A. Flynn; Thursday, J. H. Langston; Plaza, 8:15, Tuesday, Joseph Espinosa; Thursday, Harry Johnson.

## AMUSEMENTS

"Lured Away" at Columbia

In addition to the regular program at the Columbia this morning there will be shown a drama taken from life. Many girls and women have had experiences such as this girl (Evelyn Selby) who takes the leading part in "Lured Away."

Mrs. MacDonald, who is responsible for the story and plays the part of the girl's mother, will appear on the stage in a short talk to the girls and mothers of Phoenix. Her work has been endorsed by many societies and W. C. T. U's in California. She offers to help any young girl wanting to live right to find a good position and a place to live so she can forget the past.

The balance of the program is "A Case at Law," a prohibition story and the thirteenth episode of "The Fighting Trail." "The Water Trap," is also shown.

"Her Silent Sacrifice" at Hip

Alice Brady in a dress review is what might be applied to the sparkling picture "Her Silent Sacrifice" which ends its run of three days at the Hip, starting this morning. It is Miss Brady's first picture under Select Picture company's direction and it is unquestionably her best under any brand. It is augmented today by the addition of another smart news weekly just out of New York, first run in Phoenix before even Los Angeles gets a peep at it.

Tomorrow Lois Weber, one of the greatest women in pictures, sends her remarkable work, "The Price of a Good Time," to the Hip for a three day stay. "The Price of a Good Time" is the story of a girl who had never known one good time in her life, and another who turned up her nose at her even the best that was given to her. One lived and sneered at the rest of the world and the other paid the price for one week of what the world calls a good time, but she paid like a thoroughbred and that is the path of the story.

The man who took her out for a "good time" did so after the other girl sneered at his birthday gift.

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## Kickapoo and Osage May Be Residents Here

Into the land of the Osage and Kickapoo, in darkest Oklahoma, there came a great problem. With the advent of the white man came invisible lines in the country where once the redskins roamed unfettered. Boundaries, they called them, and the young men of the tribe could scarce stretch their legs in a morning run over the hills without getting "out of the territory," but with the cutting down of the lands they might call their own, there came also many years of plenty. The tribe prospered and there were many paposes. The tribe expanded and soon the native American found that he was too numerous for his confines.

Many years ago there had been a warm friendship between the Kickapoo and Osage chieftains, and Frank A. Thacker, then Indian agent in that portion of Oklahoma, but now superintendent of the Sacaton Indian reservation in Arizona.

One bright morning five of the old chiefs donned their traveling habits and with faces turned toward the setting sun, fared forth for Phoenix. Yesterday afternoon the Indians arrived and were received by their old friend, about whom they gathered, on a local hotel porch, in typical Indian peace council style.

Mr. Thacker had the pleasure of renewing old acquaintances and rendering them the service they craved—advice as to how they could best obtain lands for their rapidly increasing progeny.

The Indians were dressed principally in native attire, although the garb of the redman was somewhat modified in some, with "store clothes." Some wore the latest cut in English shoes, but most were shod with moccasins.

They will leave Phoenix today for a trip to the White mountains and the San Carlos region, where they will endeavor to buy or trade for additional lands.

motion picture successes, Rex Beach's greatest story, "The Auction Block," began its successful career at a Goldwyn picture throughout North America last week, opening in the important cities of the continent. It is now at the Empress.

First to report the inauguration of this destined-to-be-talked-about picture from the most daring novel of America's most popular writer, the Cleveland newspapers reported thousands turned away from the Standard Theater, as one would expect after reading these enthusiastic Cleveland and other notices.

The Cleveland Leader: Rex Beach's vogue through his previous successful pictures could have been expected to fill the Standard Theater on the opening day of his newest picture under the Goldwyn imprint, "The Auction Block." But each day's business at the Standard is bigger than the preceding day.

Kitty Kelly in the Chicago Examiner: "The Auction Block" is a sensational picture, starring in Paramount's big capacity audiences into the theaters at a time when, heaven knows, big attendance is needed and required.

The Boston Post: The Boston Theater has the biggest screen attraction of the year in "The Auction Block."

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Mrs. Ethel Butts, found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in Judge Stanford's court, has been released from the Florence Crittenton Home where she was committed by the court a few months ago. The order for the release of the defendant was made by Judge Stanford who placed her in the custody of her mother, Mrs. M. A. Hanks, under the same restraint to which she was subjected as an inmate of the Home.

The mother has taken a small cottage in Phoenix where the family is living quietly. Mrs. Hanks came to this city from Texas, when her daughter was on trial for the murder of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Amanda Butts.

A short time after the arrest of Mrs. Ethel Butts her baby was born and her child and her physical condition, it is said, prompted the court to commit her to the Home rather than sentence her to a penal institution. Her husband, Floyd Butts, supported her at the Home, and it is alleged that she did not receive the treatment that should have been hers.

The authorities at the Home objected to her presence, it is said, and welcomed the order that gave the young woman her liberty.

modiste's art was the topic of all absorbing conversation wherever women gathered who were fortunate enough to have seen him. His photodrama, it is said, introduces an entirely new wardrobe of the most unusual style and variety.

In support of the star, many popular Paramount people will be seen. The list includes Tully Marshall, Florence Vidor, Edythe Chapman, Mabel Van Buren, Billy Engvall and others. The story is a combination farce blended with a riot of action and a swiftly moving plot.

On the same program Burton Holmes with his travelogue will personally conduct a tour of many strange countries.

The following tribute to Godowsky appeared in the New York Times October 21:

"Leopold Godowsky gave his first and, as was announced, his only New York pianoforte recital of this season yesterday afternoon in Carnegie Hall. There was a very large audience present, so large that seats had to be provided upon the stage. Mr. Godowsky's playing has always much to interest lovers of the pianoforte. His performance had the exquisite contour, the perfect chiseling, the finished surface of a cameo. It has a gem-like transparency. His interpretations reached their highest value, as they have on occasions before, in Chopin's music."

The music lovers of Phoenix and in fact the entire Salt River valley, realize that in Godowsky, they are going to hear this master of the keyboard. There has been an unusually heavy demand for seats for the concert on Saturday night, January 12.

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